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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADS
FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADS CORPORATION

Information To Applicants For Subsistence Homesteads

The present program of the Division of Subsistence Homesteads is restricted to the establishment of a limited number of demonstration projects throughout the United States. It will be impossible, therefore, to accommodate more than a small percentage of the persons desiring to obtain subsistence homesteads through the aid of the Government.

The families who are to occupy subsistence homesteads will be tentatively selected by the local representatives appointed to administer each project. Applications for individual subsistence homesteads should be made to the local representatives only, and not to the Washington office.

When a project is approved, steps will be taken to inform the local public of the means of applying for homesteads in that project. It is not possible to consider applications coming from persons living outside of the locality in which each project is situated, except in the case of a few rural projects which are planned to affect a broader area. Families living in one State will not, as a rule, be able to acquire subsistence homesteads in another State.

Lists of the projects, if any, which have been announced for establishment in any particular State, can be obtained from this Division. Individuals can then submit their applications for subsistence homesteads to the manager in charge of any one of these projects which may be located in their community.

This Division is not a farm credit agency, and does not make loans to individuals to aid in the purchase of farms or plots of land, in the construction of houses, or for any other purpose, except in conjunction with regularly established projects.

No exclusive preference can be given to any individuals or groups in the selection of homesteaders, except insofar as a project may be planned to demonstrate the value of the subsistence homestead plan to the people of a particular region or locality. Families are selected with reference to their adaptability to the type of life which subsistence homesteads afford, their needs, their personal qualities, and their ability to repay the Government loan.

It is hoped that as a result of the program being undertaken by this Division, various governmental, semi-public, and private agencies will take up the subsistence homestead plan.

